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rather thick, was about 9 meters long. No armament was seen.

5. The roar of running engines was heard at a distance of about 1 km. It is therefore assumed that the plant had a test stand. The roar of the engines was heard continually for 2 1/2 to 3 hours and after an interval of 30 minutes the roar was resumed. The volume of the roar increased and decreased. About 30 minutes after the testing began the engine seemed to run at maximum speed for about two hours.
6. A factory field bordered the plant on the north east. Between May and September 1948 flying was done between 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. The sky was generally clear. It rained on only six days between May and September 1948. Similar weather conditions prevailed during the winter. There were no snowfalls lasting for several days. During the spring thaw, about February-March, the snow would disappear within three days and after another three days the ground was dry again. No ground fogs were noted. Prior to May 1948 individual flights with biplanes and single-engine fighters were made at the factory field. The aircraft of the type seen shipped out of the plant between spring and fall 1948 were seen at the field after May 1948. Only individual training flights lasting for 15 to 60 minutes were observed. **

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- *  Comment. For sketch of these planes with one in-line engine, see Annex.  was not able to furnish sketches of the fighters or the biplanes.
- **  Comment. Only meager post-war information is available on the Novosibirsk Aircraft Plant No 153. However, reports, covering a period prior to late 1948, show that only conventional piston aircraft, presumably a Yak-9 type plane, were built in Novosibirsk. Yak aircraft were built at the plant during the war. The rate of production given in the present report as 15 to 20 aircraft every week is believed to be too low. Further information is required for a more correct estimate of the output.

1 Annex: 1 sketch on ditto.

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